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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1925]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 1925) for the relief of Gregory Joseph Coles, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of a minor half-Japanese child adopted by citizens of the United States. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Japan on February 24, 1950, of a Japanese girl and an American soldier. The child was placed in the Elizabeth Saunders Home at Oiso, Japan, and has been released for adoption to Sgt. and Mrs. Clinton J. Coles, who are citizens of the United States.

Senator Homer Ferguson, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

ELIZEBETH SAUNDERS HOME,
OISO, KANAGAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN,
May 14, 1951.

Re acquiring United States citizenship for adopted child of Sgt. and Mrs. Clinton J. Coles, United States Army, now stationed in Japan but a legal resident of Co. G, Twenty-fourth Infantry Regiment, A. P. O. 317.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. The Elizebeth Saunders Home at Oiso, Japan, is a home for unwanted and abandoned children who are the offspring of members of the United States occupation forces and women of Japanese origin. It is recognized as such by the Japanese Government and has received financial aid from various branches of the

United States occupation forces as well as substantial contributions from former United States Ambassador Joseph Grew.

2. I, Mrs. Renzo Sawada, founder and executive director of the Elizebeth Saunders Home in Oiso, Japan, attest to the fact that on May 14, 1951, a male infant child, Joseph Gregory, was delivered from my care at the home to Sgt. and Mrs. Clinton J. Coles for adoption.

3. This child, born February 24, 1950, of a Japanese girl and an American GI man of United States citizenship, was abandoned by his father and found unwanted by the mother.

4. Since this child has been completely relinquished by the parents and not registered in the name of its mother's family or with any agency or representative of the Japanese Government as required by the law of citizens, or any other government, no claims can be made upon it by any individual, institution, or government.

5. When the child was adopted by Sgt. and Mrs. Clinton J. Coles, it was done not only to give him love, care, security, and education but also to acquire for him the same citizenship of his newly adopted parents, with my assurance that such adoption involved no further legal restrictions or qualifications.

6. Therefore, I certify that the said child is now in the possession of Sgt. and Mrs. Clifton J. Coles as a legally adopted child without any reservations.

(Signed) Miki Sawada,
(Typed) Mrs. Renzo Sawada,
Executive Director, Elizabeth Saunders Home, Oiso, Japan.

Witnessed by—

Chaplain Sullus B. Washington,
Isapa Chapel Center.
Mrs. Fannie E. Gray,
APO 317, Company A.

Headquarters, Kobe Base,
Office of the Chaplain,
May 10, 1951.

STATEMENT

From recent interview with Mrs. Coles, wife of Sgt. (1c) Clinton J. Coles, RA-13089050, formerly Co. A, KQMD, A. P. O. 317, in regard to adoption of a baby, I would recommend favorable consideration of the request. While I am not personally acquainted with Sgt. (1c) Coles, all those who knew him in the company speak very highly of him.

The salary of Sgt. (1c) Coles is sufficient to maintain a home in excellent condition. I have been assigned to the Kobe Base Headquarters since December 1950, and have heard no criticism of the home life of Sgt. (1c) and Mrs. Coles.

I would recommend Sgt. (1c) and Mrs. Coles to be suitable parents to maintain a home and care for a baby.

Thomas V. Sigler,
Chaplain (Major), U. S. Army, Base Chaplain.

Headquarters, Camp Osaka,
Osaka Chapel Center,
May 9, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have been in several conferences with Mrs. Clinton J. Coles, in regard to her willingness to adopt a child; Sgt. (1c) Clinton J. Coles has been in service 9 years; is now in Korea. They have been married 6 years and 3 months. They both are protestants. Their home address: 5738 Wabash Avenue, Detroit Mich.

Mrs. Coles has impressed me as a type of person who will give the best attention to the child if she should be given the privilege of adopting one.

Respectfully,

Sullus B. Washington,
Chaplain (Captain), U. S. Army, Osaka Chapel Center.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 1925) should be enacted.

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